

SOLIHULL CHURCHES ACTION ON HOMELESSNESS

England & Wales · Charity number 1058279

Details

Other names S C A H

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1996-09-26

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO RELIEVE POVERTY WITHIN SOLIHULL MBC AND SURROUNDING AREAS, IN PARTICULAR, BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY FACILITATING ACCOMMODATION FOR HOMELESS PEOPLE

Activities: The activities of SCAH are aimed at relieving poverty within the Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council area and surrounding areas, in particular but not exclusively, by providing assistance to homeless people

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Human Resources, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Accommodation/housing
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** SOLIHULL MBC AND SURROUNDING AREA
- Birmingham City
- Coventry City
- Solihull

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£21,017	£31,072	-	-
2024-12-31	£16,950	£24,904	-	-
2023-12-31	£31,261	£29,904	-	-
2022-12-31	£24,155	£23,609	-	-
2021-12-31	£21,459	£21,927	-	-
2020-12-31	£24,134	£25,763	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Simon Hardy Marshall	Chair	2020-07-01
David James Roots		2020-05-29
Louise Cox		2017-03-22
Mary Clark		2017-03-22
Robert Verrion		2017-03-22

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Accounts

Solihull Churches Action on Homelessness

Trustees' Annual Report for the period 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023

Charity registration number: 1058279

Website: www.scah.org.uk

Objectives and activities.

Solihull Churches Action on Homelessness, sometimes abbreviated to 'SCAH' was founded in 1993 (but registered with the Charity Commission in September 1996), as an ecumenical charity with a Christian ethos, to relieve poverty within Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council (SMBC) and surrounding areas, in particular, but not exclusively, by providing temporary accommodation for homeless people.

Originally the charity had a small interest in a hostel, together with Solihull MBC, for young, homeless people, but sold this in 2012 when SMBC decided to develop the site. SCAH has continued to relieve poverty by providing 'Home Starter Packs' (HSPs) to the disadvantaged and homeless clients of a number of organisations with which it works (known as its 'partners') and where necessary, finances the purchase of Debt Relief Orders (DROs), a simplified form of personal bankruptcy, which last for a year and which 'freeze' a person's debts such that rent arrears debts cannot be used as a reason to evict them from their rented homes (thus allowing time for other agencies to help the debtor). Thus, SCAH assists the transition from homelessness to accommodation (which is provided or sourced by its 'partners') and works to prevent the development of homelessness, in line with its original aims.

A HSP comprises non-food, essential household items such as bedding, crockery, cutlery, cooking implements, a microwave, personal hygiene products, towels etc. SCAH uses a *pro-forma shopping list of such items and the caseworker in the 'partner', together with their client chooses the items and numbers required (an HSP for a single person would be different from the HSP for a family leaving, e.g. a refuge). SCAH does not accept individual, personal referrals. As part of its control system it only accepts referrals for assistance from caseworkers in its 'partners'.

The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

All of the *trustees and other workers (known as 'shoppers') are volunteers. As a matter of long-standing practice, the charity does not pay volunteers' expenses. As noted above, each HSP is tailored to the needs of the 'client'. A shopper then buys the items in the HSP and delivers the completed pack to the caseworker for onward delivery to their client. The shopper then reclaims the expenditure from the treasurer and submits all the invoices and vouchers as evidence of the purchase. The treasurer keeps the *'Requests for Support', the evidence of expenditure and some details of the case (for follow-up/ returns of outcomes to grant providers, as required).

Occasionally volunteers 'retire' and there is an on-going, but low-key, campaign to recruit others. At the time of this report there are 5 volunteer trustees, 2 of whom are also volunteer shoppers, and 10 other shoppers. A 'shop' can take a volunteer c.3-4 hours to undertake and deliver to a caseworker for their client and sometimes a shopper, depending on their availability, will undertake 2 or more shops per week. Some of the trustees average a day per week on work for SCAH. The consequence of all this volunteering is that SCAH's overheads (only a bank account fee and website fees) are very low and the money it receives is spent on operational costs of DROs and HSPs.

*Details available on SCAH's website: www.scah.org.uk

Achievements and performance.

In 2023 the main achievements of the charity have been to provide 232 adults and 93 associated children with HSPs; 20 adults with 5 associated children with DROs and 8 other adults with 2 associated children with other forms of poverty relief. In total, 260 adults were assisted, a 22% increase on 2022 (213 adults assisted). All of these adults were referred to SCAH via caseworkers in the 15 or so other charitable, social and local government organisations with which SCAH works (SCAH's 'partners'). The beneficiaries of SCAH's work are always affected by poverty in one form or another, so SCAH's assistance helps enable them to rebuild their lives, helps to improve their mental well being and relieves them of a financial worry.

The achievements and performance of SCAH over the past 5 years are shown below:

Number of adults provided with assistance by SCAH	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Other	8	15	16	19	10
DRO	20	28	19	18	10
Starter packs	232	170	177	173	156
Total	260	213	212	210	176

Financial Review (See notes 1 -4 of the accounts)

SCAH's expenditure on HSPs increased by 33% in 2023 from £20,698 (2022) to £27,627, reflecting the 36% increase in the numbers of adults receiving HSPs. SCAH accepts donations of used items in good condition for HSPs which helps to mitigate the effects of inflation.

The cost of 'other assistance' reduced to £2,107 from £2,718 in 2022 which reflects the reduction in DROs funded and 'other' poverty relief adult cases to 28 in 2023 from 43 in 2022.

Finally, SCAH's administration expenses reduced to £170 (0.6% of total expenses) from £193 (0.8%) in 2022.

In total, SCAH expended costs of £29,904 which was 27% more than in 2022 (£23,609).

SCAH's income increased by 29% (£7,106) to £31,261 from £24,155 in 2022 mainly due to an increase in grants received of £9,406, partly offset by a reduction in donations from individuals of £2,432.

By the end of 2023, SCAH's surplus incoming resources totalled £1,357, which was higher than the surplus incoming resources for 2022 of £546, and its accumulated reserves were £33,604.

SCAH's work is demand-led and arises from its relationship with c.15 trusted, 'partner' organisations, thus it is difficult to anticipate demand. Equally it is difficult to anticipate income because Church congregations, the original source of funding when the charity was formed, have declined over the years. Fund-raising via organised special events, public collections and donations from companies has proved to be sporadic. Thus, both future demand and income represent risks for SCAH.

Therefore, the trustees have formulated a reserves policy which is aimed at ensuring that SCAH can mitigate the risks it faces and survive financially for at least 12 months as measured at the end of the annual accounting period without any receipts of income. The reason for this is that there have been a series of events e.g. the 'COVID-19' outbreak, the Russian invasion of Ukraine, the 'cost-of-living' crisis, the government's 'levelling up' agenda etc. which have impacted the demand on SCAH's services, but over which SCAH clearly has no control and there is no indication that these sorts of events will diminish in the future. The text of the Reserves Policy is as follows:

‘Solihull Churches Action on Homelessness seeks to maintain its financial reserves at a level which, in the absence of any income, would enable it to provide its services to the community it serves for at least twelve months before having to curtail all activity. The reserves would be spent on operational activity, in particular, assistance with the relief and prevention of homelessness, the relief of poverty and the very small amount of financial overheads.

This financial reserves policy will be reviewed by the Trustee board once a year.’

Detail of the financial reserves, the annual operational expenditure and a simple calculation of the reserves expressed as the number of months during which SCAH could function without income are shown below:

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Financial Reserves at year end	£33,604	£32,247	£31,701	£32,169	£33,798
Operating expenses for the year	£29,904	£23,609	£21,927	£25,764	£20,456
Number of months during which SCAH could survive without income	13 mths	16 mths	17 mths	15 mths	20 mths

Structure, Governance and Management.

SCAH operates according to a Constitution document and is an unincorporated association, registered with the Charity Commission. The trustees (the ‘Executive Committee’) are elected by the membership at each annual general meeting (AGM) and include a Chairperson, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The Executive Committee consists of not less than 4 members and not more than 12 members. The members of the Executive committee hold office from the conclusion of one AGM until the end of the next AGM, when they retire, but they may be re-elected or re-appointed. Currently there are 5 members of the Executive Committee, including the named posts noted above.

Reference and Administrative details.

The charity’s name is ‘Solihull Churches Action on Homelessness’. The other name used by the charity is ‘SCAH’. The registered charity number is 1058279. The charity neither owns, nor rents, nor is gifted premises, so does not have its own address. For correspondence purposes it uses its volunteer treasurer and trustee’s address.

The members of the executive Committee, the trustees, are as follows:

Rev. Simon Marshall – chairperson

Mrs. Mary Clark – represents SCAH on Solihull MBC’s Multi-Agency Homelessness Forum (MAHF) and is a ‘shopper’.

Mrs. Louise Cox – secretary and is a ‘shopper’.

Mr Robert Verrion B.Sc (hons.) F.C.A - treasurer

Mr. David Roots – charity development officer

There are no corporate trustees and none of the trustees hold title to property belonging to the charity.

Funds held as custodian trustee on behalf of others.

SCAH holds the financial resources of a charitable organisation (but not a registered charity) called ‘Change into Action’ Solihull (CiA). This entity was established in September 2019 under the auspices of the West Midlands Mayor. CiA provides services to rough sleepers and homeless people at risk of rough sleeping (see the CiA website: changeintoaction.org.uk/solihull for further details). Very clearly

the objects of SCAH and those of are CiA aligned. CiA has financial resources which are maintained within SCAH's bank account. SCAH is not involved with the authorisation or approval of CiA funds – it simply acts on the instructions received from the CiA grant approvals committee.

On-line donations to CiA can be made via its website and are distinguished from donations to SCAH using project codes within SCAH's CAF Donate account (which contains details of all on-line donations). Donations to CiA from companies and other organisations are specifically identified. The SCAH treasurer circulates a monthly financial report ('management accounts') to the West Midlands Combined Authority, Solihull MBC, SCAH stakeholders and volunteers in which the resources of SCAH and CiA are separated clearly so movements on the resources of each can be identified. The management accounts are based on balancing to the bank statement month end balances, in other words, to an independent corroboration of the financial information (although for 'statutory' annual accounts purposes SCAH's cash book balances are used).


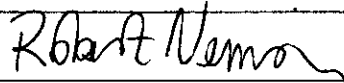
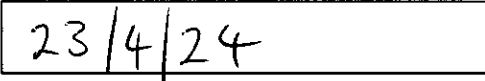
SCAH banks with CAF Bank Ltd and has two accounts: a 'Gold' account for receipts and a 'Cash' account for payments. All payments are initiated by the treasurer, based on appropriate documentation, but are electronically countersigned by another trustee who is not related to the treasurer. This also applies to payments (grants) made by CiA for which CiA approved documentation is received by SCAH.

There are no paid staff employed by SCAH.

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.

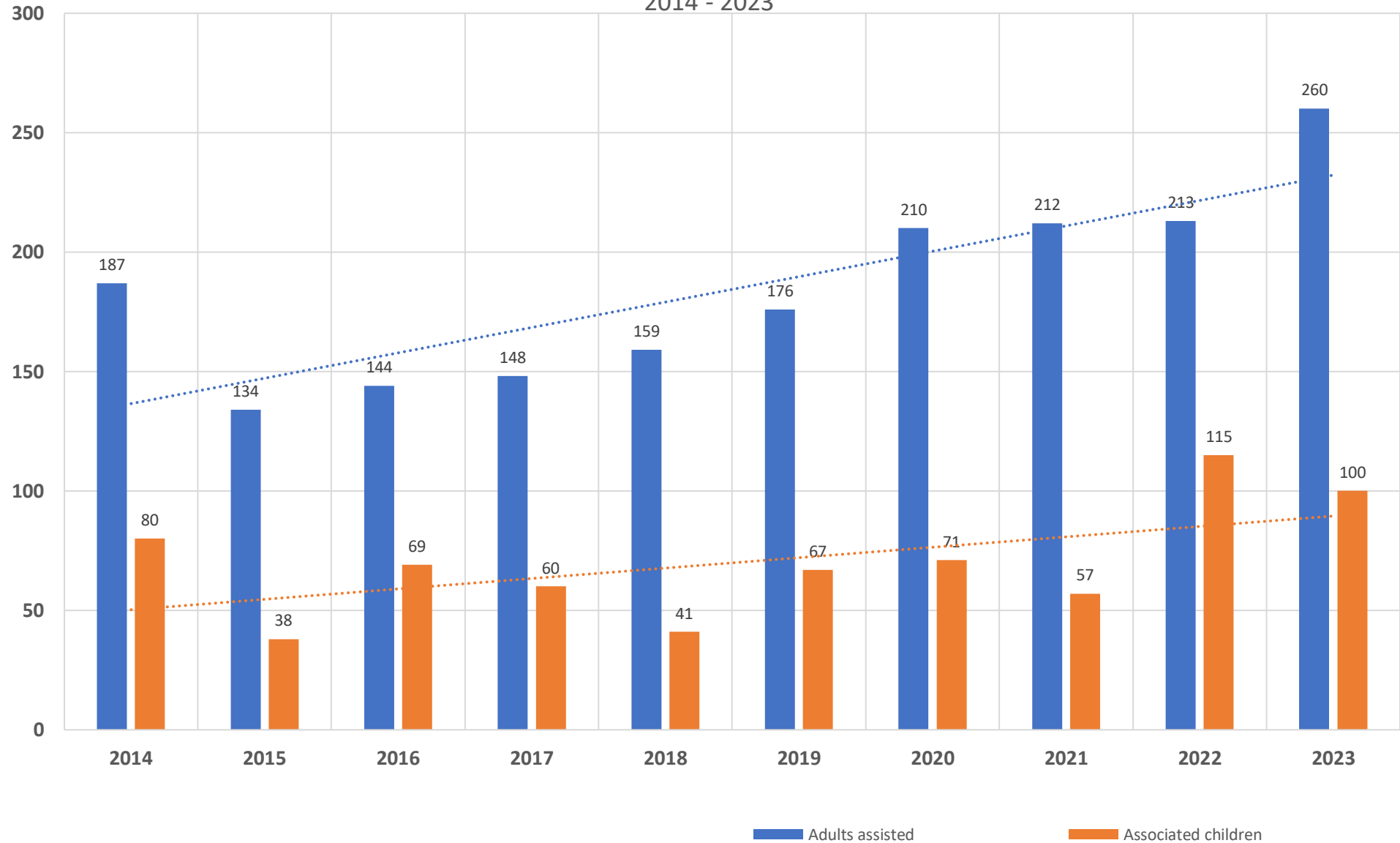
Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Rev. Simon Marshall	Robert Verrion
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer
Date		

Solihull Churches Action on Homelessness
Annual General Meeting 2023
held on 25.04.2023

Presentation on Financial Position at 31st December
2023

By Rob Verrion, Honorary Treasurer

SCAH: Adults and Associated children assisted
2014 - 2023

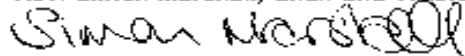


SOLIHULL CHURCHES ACTION ON HOMELESSNESS (SCAH)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1058279
Annual Accounts: year ended 31st December 2023

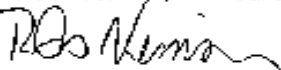
SOLIHULL CHURCHES ACTION ON HOMELESSNESS
Balance Sheet at 31st December 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
Current Assets		
Cash at bank	55,453	60,116
	<u>55,453</u>	<u>60,116</u>
Represented by:		
Unrestricted Funds		
General Fund	19,604	18,247
Project Fund	14,000	14,000
	<u>33,604</u>	<u>32,247</u>
Funds received as an agent of another charity:		
Change into Action Note 7	21,849	27,869
	<u>55,453</u>	<u>60,116</u>

Rev. Simon Marshall, Chair and Trustee



Rob Verrion, Treasurer and Trustee



SOLIHULL CHURCHES ACTION ON HOMELESSNESS

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st December 2023

		Unrestricted Funds			Unrestricted Funds		
		General Designated		TOTAL	General Designated		TOTAL
		£	£	2023 £	£	£	2022 £
Incoming Resources							
Voluntary Income	Note 1(i)	30,366		30,366	23,912		23,912
Activities for generating funds	Note 1(ii)	10		10	25		25
Income from investments	Note 1(iii)	885		885	218		218
Total incoming resources		<u>31,261</u>		<u>31,261</u>	<u>24,155</u>		<u>24,155</u>
Resources expended - Charitable Activities	Note 2	<u>29,904</u>		<u>29,904</u>	<u>23,609</u>		<u>23,609</u>
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources		1,357		1,357	546		546
Balances brought forward at 1st January		<u>18,247</u>	14,000	<u>32,247</u>	<u>17,701</u>	14,000	<u>31,701</u>
Balances at 31st December		<u>19,604</u>	14,000	<u>33,604</u>	<u>18,247</u>	14,000	<u>32,247</u>

SOLIHULL CHURCHES ACTION ON HOMELESSNESS
Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023:

		Unrestricted	Unrestricted
		General	General
		Funds	Funds
		Total	Total
		2023	2022
		£	£
1 Incoming Resources:			
(i) Voluntary Income			
Donations from Organisations	Note 4(a)	3,036	3,556
Donation from Individuals	Note 4(b)	4,924	7,356
Grants	Note 4(c)	<u>22,406</u>	<u>13,000</u>
		<u>30,366</u>	<u>23,912</u>
(ii) Activities for generating funds			
Fundraising and social events	Note 5	<u>10</u>	<u>25</u>
(iii) Income from investments			
Interest		<u>885</u>	<u>218</u>
2 Charitable activities			
Start up packs		27,627	20,698
Other assistance		<u>2,107</u>	<u>2,718</u>
Administration expenses	Note 6	29,734	23,416
		<u>170</u>	<u>193</u>
		<u>29,904</u>	<u>23,609</u>

3 In 2023 SCAH, working through its partners, provided assistance to 260 adults and 100 children (2022: 213 adults and 115 children).

Year on year the number of adults helped increased by 22% but the decrease in children (associated with the adults) was -14% (2022 - increase 102%)

		Total	Total
		2023	2022
		£	£
4 Voluntary Income:			
(a) Donations from Organisations:			
Churches		2,836	3,506
Commercial Organisations		<u>200</u>	<u>50</u>
		<u>3,036</u>	<u>3,556</u>

SOLIHULL CHURCHES ACTION ON HOMELESSNESS
Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023:

	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£
(b) Donations from Individuals:		
Donation from Individuals	4,173	5,509
Income Tax refunds (Gift Aid)/CAF Donate fees	<u>751</u>	<u>1,847</u>
	<u><u>4,924</u></u>	<u><u>7,356</u></u>

In 2023 (and 2022), the trustees decided that, as the 2021 'virtual' flag day had been so successful, that donors would be encouraged to treat November as a month of 'virtual' giving to SCAH via CAF Donate (operated by CAF bank, SCAH's bankers) for which there is a link on SCAH's website.

CAF Donate is registered as a Gift Aid collection agent for SCAH, so collects the Gift Aid on an ongoing basis and return it to SCAH each month. In addition

Gift Aid is claimed back, where possible, on other donations from individuals. As all of these monies originate from taxpaying individuals the donations and associated gift aid are shown together under 4(b) above.

	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£
(c) Grants:		
(i) SMBC - Starter Packs to alleviate homelessness (Homelessness Prevention Grant)	3,000	-
(ii) SMBC - Starter Packs to alleviate homelessness (Homes for Ukraine))	2,406	-
(iii) Heart of England Community Foundation - The Inclusive Communities Fund	15,000	-
(iv) WestMidlands Combined Authority - Grant to alleviate Rough Sleeping	2,000	-
Heart of England Community Foundation - Solihull Wellbeing and Recovery Fund	-	7,000
Albert Hunt Trust	-	5,000
Arnold Clark Community Fund	<u>-</u>	<u>1,000</u>
	<u><u>22,406</u></u>	<u><u>13,000</u></u>

(c)(i) This grant was for delivering home starter packs ('HSPs') to single households/families who had experienced homelessness and were moving into their new

tenancies found by SCAH's 'partners'. SCAH delivered 24 HSPs with the funds from this grant (average cost per HSP: £125). In all cases the HSPs helped the recipients of the HSPs to settle permanently into their new dwellings.

(c)(ii) This grant was for HSPs to Ukrainian families who were housed or were about to be housed in independent accommodation in Solihull. The intended outcome

was that their stay in their new accommodation be more comfortable and this was achieved. With the funds from this grant, SCAH provided 32 HSPs at an average cost of c.£158.

With both of the above grants the funds had to be expended, then SCAH billed SMBC on a quarterly, in arrears, basis together with details of the various cases. At 31.12.2023, the amount expended by SCAH in the last quarter of the year had not been billed and the amount outstanding of £2,634 has not been shown in these accounts as they have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

SOLIHULL CHURCHES ACTION ON HOMELESSNESS

Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023:

(c)(iii) The Fund from which this grant was made became available through a collaboration between the West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA), the Heart of England Community Foundation, and United By 2022, the Official (Commonwealth) Games Legacy Charity. The Inclusive Communities Fund was inspired by the momentum generated by the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games, offering community organisations access to new funding to make a difference for the people they work with. The Fund will serve as a catalyst to address inequalities, forge deeper connections between individuals and organisations, and continue the legacy of the Games. Grants are available for projects that contribute to the core missions for bringing people together, improving health and well-being, helping the region to grow and putting the region on the map. The fund encompasses three key themes: physical activity and sport, mental health and well-being, and arts, culture and creativity. The Inclusive Communities Fund was made possible by the UK Government through the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS). It will be overseen by the West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) and administered by the Heart of England Community Foundation, the leading, independent, grant-making body in the West Midlands and Warwickshire. United by 2022, the Games' Official Legacy Charity will partner with the Community Foundation to deliver community engagement activities and support organisations in successfully applying to the Fund. SCAH's application to the 'small grants' section of the fund was based on the concept that the HSPs help improve the mental well-being of the recipients (apart from removing a financial worry) and help them to start to re-build their lives from the difficult circumstances within which they find themselves. SCAH will monitor the outcomes of this grant and estimates that the grant will cover c.80 HSPs in 2024 - thus, at least 80 adults should be assisted (vs. 232 assisted with HSP type help in 2023).

(c)(iv) This grant was awarded under the WMCA Rough Sleeping Initiative, Spot Purchase Fund B and was based on the concept that HSPs helped sustain transitions away from sleeping rough (and helping to prevent rough sleeping for the first time). SCAH provided 16 HSPs at a total cost of £2,083.62 (£130 per HSP), slightly more than the grant value, but has continued to monitor this type of expenditure and by the year end had provided another 14 HSPs at a cost of £2,191

(average cost per HSP of £157). With regard to the 16 cases covered by the grant, caseworkers at SCAH's 'partners' have confirmed that in 13 of the cases the HSP recipients are still in the accommodation found for them by SCAH's 'partners'. In the remaining 3 cases, confirmation from the caseworkers was outstanding at 31.12.2023.

5 Activities for generating funds:

Fundraising and social events:

Christmas Cards

Total		Total
2023		2022
	£	£
	<u>10</u>	<u>50</u>
	<u><u>10</u></u>	<u><u>50</u></u>

6 Charitable activities:

Support given on reference from:

Solihull Community Housing (SCH)/P3
 SMBC Children's Services/Planning North
 SMBC Social care
 Solihull Probation
 St Basils
 Birmingham & Solihull Womens' Aid (BSWA)
 Green Square Accord (formerly Fry Accord)

	3,345	4,075
	2,936	600
	4,685	1,972
	1,256	1,215
	2,849	2,720
	1,619	2,524
	1,950	3,103

SOLIHULL CHURCHES ACTION ON HOMELESSNESS

Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023:

	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£
Bromford Housing	1,107	270
Age UK	1,683	4,013
Solihull MIND	0	322
Solihull Integrated Addiction Services (SIAS)	621	768
Bridge Alternative Housing Solutions	787	427
Refugee Action	5,715	444
Homegroup Ltd	149	296
Entraide	373	304
Other organisations	<u>660</u>	<u>363</u>
	<u><u>29,734</u></u>	<u><u>23,416</u></u>

7Change into Action**

Change into Action ('CiA') is an Alternative Giving Scheme being piloted in Solihull which was launched in September 2019. CiA is a partnership between Solihull

Council, the local Business Improvement District (BID), the Mayor of the West Midlands and the West Midlands Combined Authority aimed at designing out homelessness within the borough (and eventually, the region) .

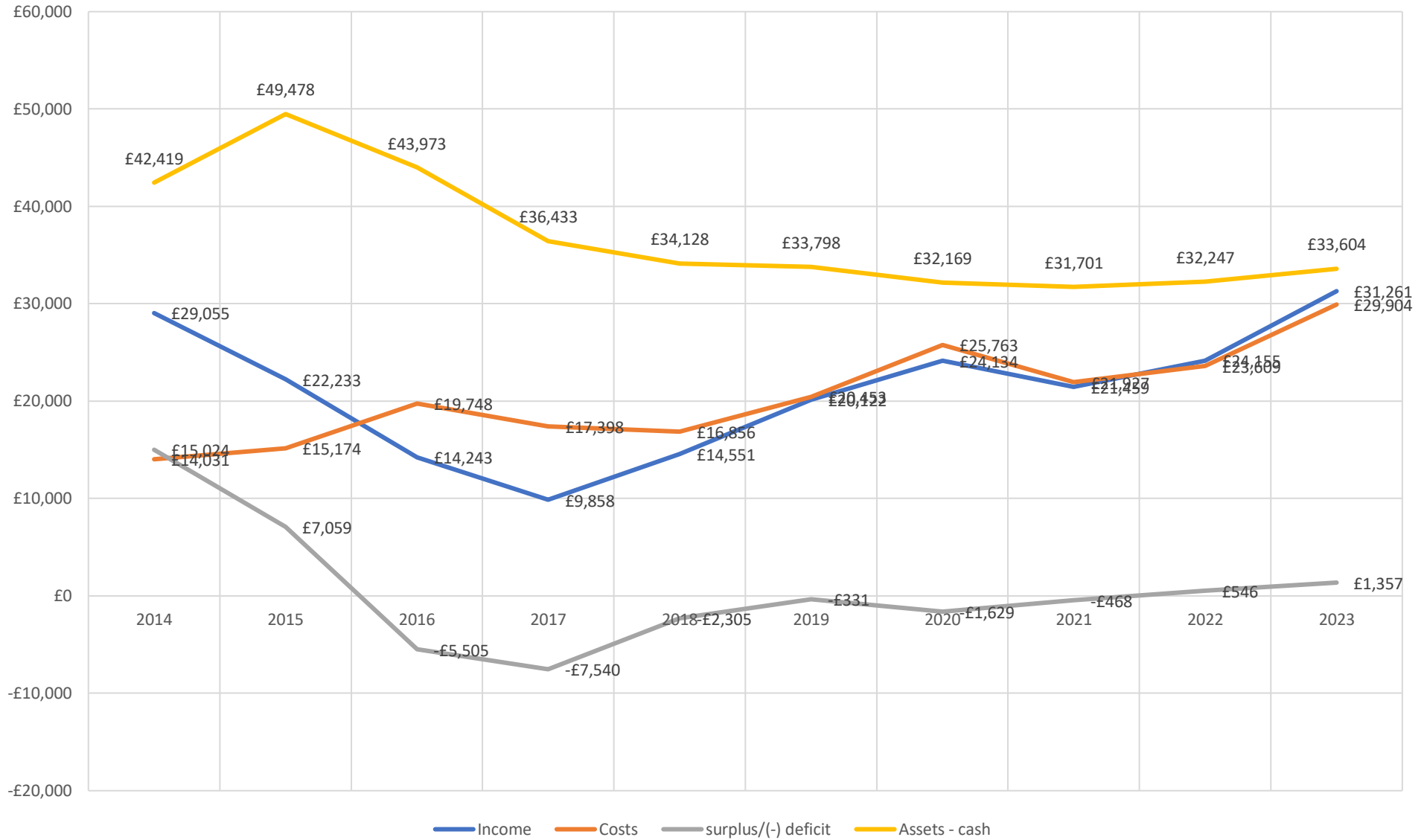
All donations are received and held by Solihull Churches Action on Homelessness (SCAH) before being awarded (SCAH is not involved in this part of the process) to local services working with rough sleepers or those at risk of sleeping rough.

However, without a network of specialist outreach & support teams and dedicated organisations working with vulnerable individuals, it is difficult for any help to make long term changes. Such dedicated organisations which have the specialist skills needed exist in the borough and are also part of the partnership. They include:

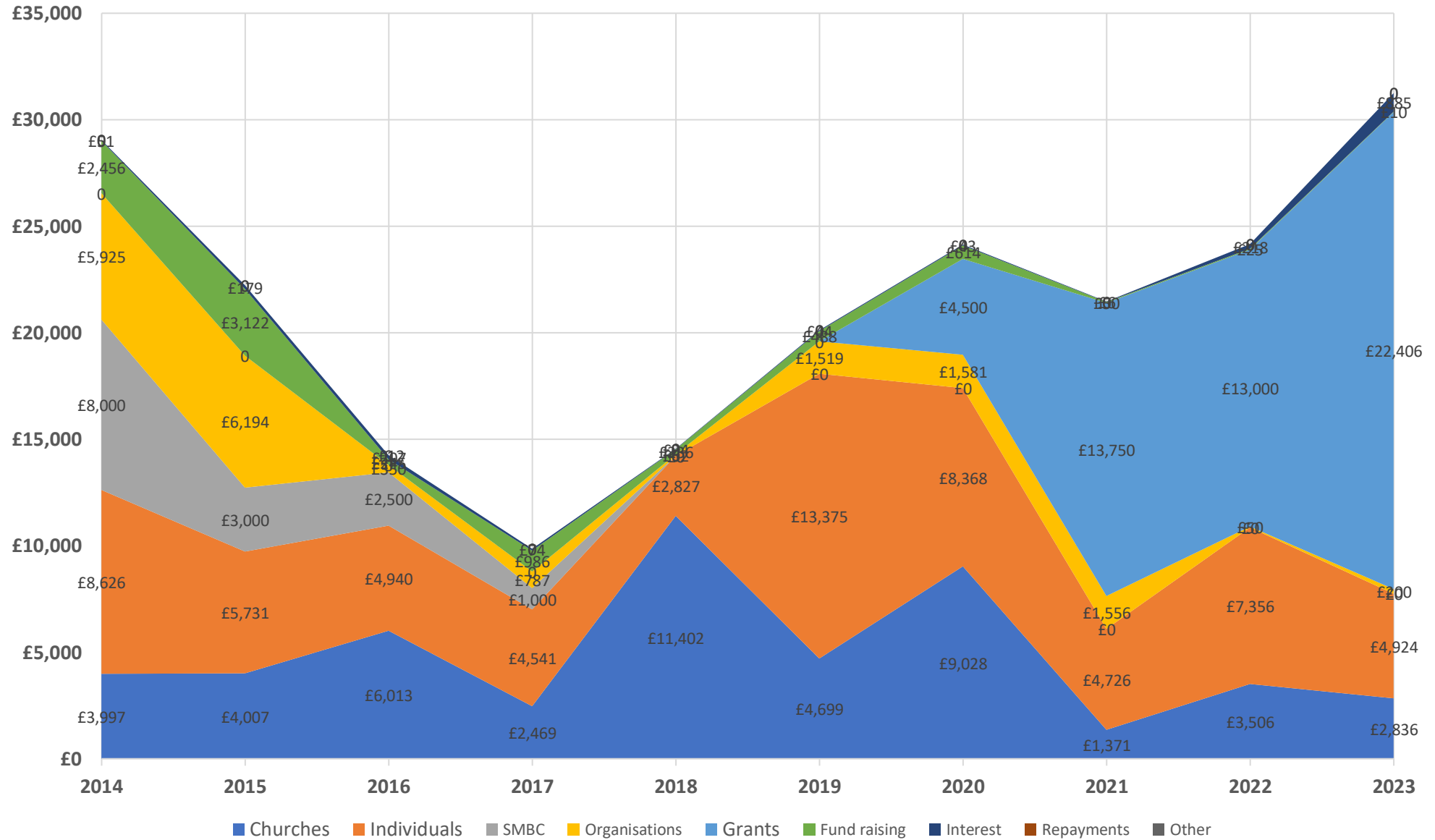
*Solihull Integrated Addiction Services (SIAS):	The SIAS Vulnerable Housing Team works to identify individuals at risk of sleeping rough before crisis and provides outreach support to those who are rough sleeping, supporting individuals into suitable accommodation and co-ordinating vital health and well-being services.
*Solihull Community Housing (SCH) :	Manages Solihull's Housing Services on behalf of the Council. SCH also provides the borough's homelessness service, ensuring prevention, relief and support is provided to anyone who is homeless or faced with homelessness.
*St Basils:	Works with young people aged 16-24 who are homeless or at risk of homelessness in Solihull, providing accommodation and specialist housing advice and home options support.
*Solihull Churches Action on Homelessness:	Supports those affected by homelessness, by providing home starter packs, via its partners, to vulnerable people
(SCAH):	moving into new tenancies, funds debt relief orders (DROs) to prevent homelessness and provides support to the poor.
*Green Square Accord (formerly Fry Accord):	Works in Solihull to deliver support through Housing First, providing rough sleepers and those at risk of sleeping rough with secure tenancies and support delivered in their home or community.

** The CiA website can be found at www.changeintoaction.org.uk/solihull

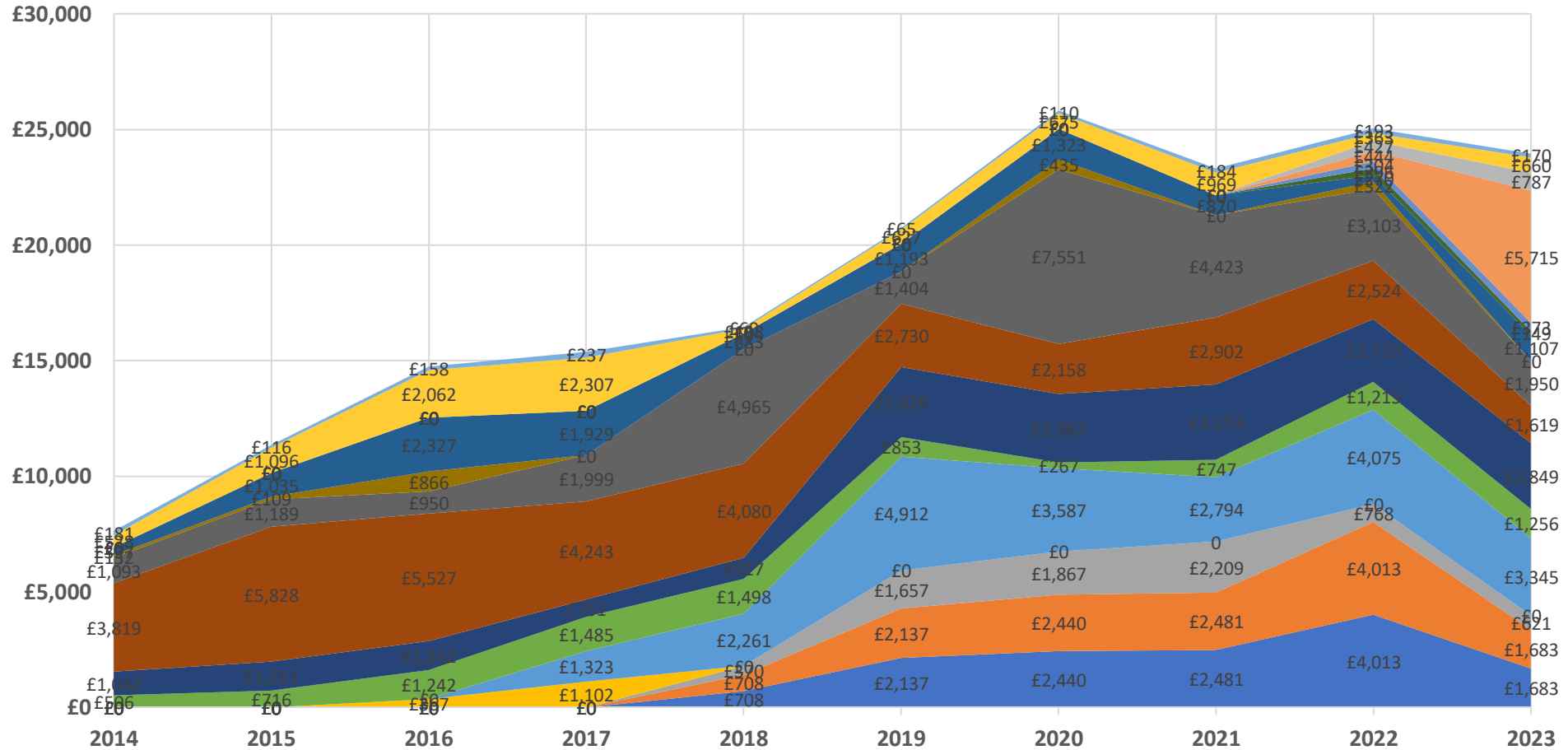
SCAH - results history 2014 - 2023



SCAH: Sources of Income 2014 - 2023



SCAH: Expenses by referer 'partner' 2014 - 2023



- SMBC
- Age UK
- SIAS
- Sustain
- SCH
- Probation
- St. Basil's
- BSWA
- GSA
- MIND
- Bromford
- Homegroup Ltd
- Entraide
- Refugee Action
- Bridge Alternative Housing
- Other
- Admin.expenses

SCAH: Observations and conclusions 2014 - 2023

- **Observation 1:** In the 5 years 2014-2018 inclusive SCAH assisted 772 adults. In the 5 years 2019-2023 SCAH assisted 1071 adults....a 39% increase on the previous quinquennial. The numbers of associated children in the same quinquennial periods were 288 and 410....an increase of 42%. It would appear, therefore that the services provided by SCAH will continue to be in demand.
- **Observation 2:** In the 5 years 2014-2018 inclusive SCAH's income exceeded its expenditure by £5,740 in total. In the 5 years 2019-2023 SCAH's expenditure exceeded its income by £525.
- **Observation 3:** SCAH is increasingly dependent on grant funding – without this the services provided would have to be reduced drastically.
- **Note:** The trustees have recently agreed a (reviewable) financial reserves policy (shown in the Trustees' Report) whereby the financial reserves are kept at a level which is at least equivalent to the previous 12 months gross expenditure. This is a conservative policy which takes account of the fact that SCAH cannot predict its workload...or geopolitical events that could affect its workload.
- **Conclusion:** SCAH should be able to survive into the future for over a year...with your help and work!

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Solihull Churches Action on Homelessness (S.C.A.H.)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the S.C.A.H. for the year

ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the S.C.A.H. you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of S.C.A.H.'s accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of S.C.A.H. as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: 

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